Indebtedness, will the Government state whether applications for 46 lakhs of rupees of Government loan have not reached them in response to their offer of 5 lakhs and by what time they will be able to meet the application for the 46 lakhs?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes; for more than 46 lakhs. In regard to the latter part of the question, Government have no idea at present to disburse more than Rs. 5 lakhs, in the shape of loans.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of setting apart more of funds than the five lakhs already provided for disbursement?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It will be considered.

Welfare of the Towns and Villages.

175. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 34, dated 31st July 1933, regarding bridging the gap between the level of welfare of our towns and villages, will the Government be pleased to say what more they can do in the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government are doing all that is immediately possible to improve the level of the welfare of the villages. Further steps in that direction can be thought of only after the results of the present action are watched.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In this line may I know what is the present action of the Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I shall be delighted to give you. Increase of educational facilities, improved means of transport and communication, civil amenities taken to the very doors, increased association in Government in the matter of elective franchise, increased medical relief, etc., etc.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Any idea of electrifying villages on the model of Mysore?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Not at present.

Imprisonment of Mr. Cherian Manjuran.

176. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government state in what class Mr. Cherian Manjuran, a political prisoner, has been placed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. Cherian Manjuran is placed in the ordinary class.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of giving him a better class as is done in the case of civil disobedience prisoners in British India in view of the fact that he is an educated man and of respectability?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I explained this to the House. With regard to this particular person he was not

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